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Governor Gianforte
Judicial Advisory Committee

RE:
18th Judicial District Court Judge

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Dear Governor and Judicial Advisory Committee,

I am excited to write in support of Ben Refling for appointment to the new 18th Judicial District Court judge position.

Mr. Refling served as a public defender in my limited jurisdiction courts for three years. After over 23 years on the bench, I have seen many attorneys come and go. Mr. Refling is an attorney that stands out. He is one of the most efficient and competent attorneys to practice in my courts. His professionalism and integrity far surpass is years.

Mr. Refling exemplifies the qualities of a good judge. He has an even temperament and a high- quality moral compass. He is clear, concise and thoughtful. His critical thinking skills are above average. His time management is superior.

Mr. Refling also respects and values the independence of the judiciary. He will serve as an impartial magistrate and will not be swayed by public clamor.

One of Mr. Refling's best judicial assets is his energy. He brings the drive and determination that district courts need. Mr. Refling will grow with the increasing demands on the judiciary and serve Gallatin County well for many years.

Ben Refling is an investment not only for the judiciary but for the state of Montana.

Sincerely,



Jessie Connolly
President Montana Magistrates' Association